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An Act to amend the Election Laws, so as
to reduce to one the number of Polling
days.

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An Act to amend the Election Law and reduce to one the number of Polling days.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows: Preamble.

1. From and after the passing of this Act there shall be but one polling day for recording the votes of the Electors at every election of a Legislative Councillor or of a Member of the Legislative Assembly. One polling day only.
2. It shall be the duty of the Returning Officer on receiving the Writ of Election to fix in every parish, township, city, town or ward in his Electoral Division, one polling place if there be less than two hundred Electors in such parish, township, city, town or ward, according to the list of Electors to be used at such election; two polling places if there be over two hundred Electors and under five hundred, and so on, adding one polling place for every two hundred additional Electors, on such list as aforesaid. Number of polling places, in proportion to number of Electors.
3. The polling places shall be fixed at the most convenient places in each parish, township, town, city or ward, so that they may be distant from each other at least half a mile in each rural parish or township, and at least *three hundred* English yards in each city, town or ward. Position and distance from each other.
4. The Electors may vote at any one of the polling places established and fixed within the parish, township, town, city or ward for which they are qualified to vote; except in the case of a sub-division as hereinafter mentioned, when the Electors shall only vote in that division in which they are respectively qualified to vote. Where Electors shall vote.
5. It shall be lawful for the Municipal Council of any parish, township, city, or town to divide the said parish, township, city or town into Electoral divisions or wards so that there may be at least one Electoral division or ward for each two hundred Electors in such parish, township, city or town; and whenever such a division shall have been made before the date of a writ of election, separate polls shall be held, and separate lists of voters shall be made by the same persons and in like manner as the lists of electors are now made, for each such division of any parish, township, city or town. Municipal authority may divide the Municipality for Electoral purposes.